

**Minutes of a meeting of the School Improvement Committee
Held at the school on 25 April 2023****Present:**

Paul Kenning

Gemma Anidi, Headteacher

Neil Cunningham

Sarah Hannett (Committee Chair)

Tom Sheldon

In attendance:

Susan Moyse, Clerk

1. Welcome, committee membership and apologies for absence

Sarah Hannett (Committee Chair) opened the meeting at 6.30pm welcoming all present, especially new governor Tom Sheldon. Thomas Georgiou and Kim Glynn had sent apologies.

2. Membership

Agreed to add Tom Sheldon to this committee.

**Action: Clerk for
GB agenda**

3. Minutes

The minutes of 31 January 2023 were agreed as a correct record and were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

- 4.1 SEND** (item 5.2) – this particular case had moved forward. The Head was meeting with the borough SEND team regarding EHCPs.
- 4.2 Feedback Policy** (item 6.1) – **agreed** to consider this in the autumn term. **Action: Head (Clerk for agenda)**
- 4.3 Violence Against Women & Girls** (item 8) – GA met with the borough VAWG officer and signed up to the borough pledge. The school would be appointing a champion, providing CPD for staff and considering this topic for a coffee morning.

5. Headteacher's update**5.1 Maths**

The Head referred to the recent visit by the THEP consultant:

- Overall positive report
- Learning walk, data, books
- Fluency is a key issue
- White Rose scheme not always best for revisiting / securing – working on adapting (taking advice from other schools)
- Adaptive teaching working well e.g., scaffolding
- Support staff well used

The Head then shared the STAR assessments for Maths (and also reading) by year group. These showed each child (anonymised for governors) in each year group as green->red according to whether they were above benchmark -> requiring urgent intervention. The Committee noted its thanks to the Weavers' Company for funding the STAR assessments. Governors noted the findings and the suggested questions. They discussed:

Governor Question	School Response
Any year groups causing particular concern?	Year 6 (blue) receiving extra sessions. Year 2 (red) already receiving additional help
How does this fit with adaptive teaching?	Helps children with SEND keep up with their year group. Interventions should be quick and effective
What do interventions look like e.g., in Year 2	Short session after lunch covering e.g., fluency, content or SATS papers
How often are STAR tests used?	Termly
How useful is the data? Is it new findings?	Useful. Reinforces teacher confidence in their own assessment. Also, STAR can analyse at question level to identify individual areas of concern for each child
Findings from maths book looks?	Perhaps showing less pride in their maths presentation than other subjects
Can STAR analyse by class as well as year group?	Yes. We also use INSIGHT. Consultant uses Data Challenge approach – Chisenhale will be trialling
How have teachers found STAR?	Developing trust in data. Note that children can have an off-day during tests
Year 6 Reading of concern?	Cohort specific issues e.g. new arrivals who have grasped maths better than English

5.2 Oracy

The Headteacher referred to the Tower Hamlets Oracy Award organised by the TH Oracy Hub. Schools were invited to apply for the award and there was a road map to follow for bronze, silver, gold. Chisenhale would be applying for bronze in the first instance. Governors noted the criteria and wondered whether silver was more appropriate. The Head explained that schools had to achieve bronze first.

5.3 SDP (School Development Plan)

Agreed to consider at the late summer GB meeting.

**Action: Head
(Clerk for agenda)**

5.4 PE

The Headteacher would like to raise the profile of the subject e.g., new PE uniform (recognising costs etc). The meeting discussed:

Governor Question	School Response
Taking part in TH schools' competitions?	Would like to but a number of cancellations, plus staffing issues.
Importance of girls' participation especially use of the playground at playtimes	Noted. The new PE scheme focuses on teamwork and co-operation

6. Link governors

Agreed:

- SH to arrange link visit

Action: SH

- PK has visited regarding curriculum development. He and GA would arrange an update meeting **Action: PK/Head**
- TG and NC have made their visits

7. Policies / other documents

None

8. Director's report

Noted, including the training opportunities.

9. Any other business/ items for future meetings

9.1 NC reported on the parent coffee morning he had attended. Parents had been keen to discuss a number of school issues, including homework, GB diversity, music and communications. The Head would be considering a survey about comms including an app option.

9.2 **Agreed** to consider moving this meeting to a daytime to facilitate staff presentations.

Action: Clerk

There was no confidential business. The committee chair closed the meeting at 7.20pm thanking the Head for her updates and thanking everyone for participating.

Chair _____

Date _____

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